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1. On 20 October 1951, the barracks installation south of Staats (T 53/Y 64) was occupied except for the new buildings still under construction. Twenty T-34 tanks and an undetermined number of trucks [REDACTED] were still parked near the installation as previously observed. (1) A camp of about 200 tents was seen in the woods on either side of Highway No 180. Several tanks and numerous motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen at the tent camp. (2)

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2. Until 27 October, the barracks installation on Vorflut Island at Kuestrin-Kietz (O 53/V 66) still quartered 1,200 to 1,400 troops [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] A convoy of 52 vehicles [redacted] with 27 x 37-mm AA guns and 3 field kitchens was engaged in a road march on 27 October. (4) 25X1
3. About 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen marching from the Eichhorn Kaserne on Buelroser Landstrasse to the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) railroad station at 4 p.m. on 19 October. A convoy of 2 sedans and 45 trucks with 16 light AA guns moved into the Artillerie Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse at 5:30 p.m. on 19 October. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] At 4:30 a.m. on 29 October, 15 JS-2 tanks and 3 x 122-mm SP guns were detrained on Fuerstenwalder Strasse and 15 JS-2 tanks and 10 x 122-mm SP guns at 10 a.m. The armored vehicles moved to the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Strasse and Poststrasse. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The detraining process was supervised by a colonel who rode in jeep [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] On 29 October, billeting equipment was detrained on Schubertstrasse and hauled to the Buelow Kaserne on about 30 trucks [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] A unit of 186 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was subsequently seen marching to the Buelow Kaserne. On 28 October, fresh imprints of tank treads were noticed at the Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] On 29 October, the barracks buildings and garages of the Lieben Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse were newly occupied. Six 76.2-mm artillery pieces and about 90 motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] were seen in the barracks installation. It appeared that troops had also moved into the Horn Kaserne at the same time. At least 20 trucks were seen in the yard of that installation. (5)
4. Materiel entrained at the Templin (N 54/U 81) railroad station included: 25 trucks [redacted] with pontoons between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on 21 October; T-34-85 tanks [redacted] and 58 and several trucks [redacted] on 22 October; about 40 trucks, [redacted] and 20 x 57-mm AT guns on 25 and 26 October; and 15 JS tanks, 2 JS tank chassis, 40 armored reconnaissance cars, 36 T-34-85 tanks, 2 sedans, 28 trucks and 14 half-track vehicles on 26 and 27 October. Materiel entrained at the Vögelssang (N 54/U 70) railroad station at 1:30 a.m. on 27 October included six trucks [redacted] and 12 x 82-mm mortars. (6) 25X1
5. A troop train, which passed through the Neuhaudensleben (N 53/U 51) railroad station toward Magdeburg on 22 October, consisted of: 11 flatcars carrying one canvas-covered tank each; 12 flatcars with siderails carrying trucks [redacted] and 5 boxcars. (7) 25X1
6. At 3 p.m. on 24 October, 7 tanks and 3 SP guns moved into the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg (N 54/U 70). Vehicles, which moved into the installation between 2 and 5 p.m. on 26 October, included: about 20 trucks, each carrying 15 to 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing mortars of 80-mm to 100-mm; about 30 trucks, each carrying 15 to 20 soldiers and towing artillery pieces of about 75-mm; and 6 to 8 armored reconnaissance cars. Most of the tanks arrived at the installation during the night of 26 October. Many of the officers seen in the billeting area [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] been previously stationed there. Individual trucks carrying troops and billeting equipment kept arriving at the Artillerie Kaserne between 25 and 27 October. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the troops from the Flugplatz Kaserne also returned

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to the post between 24 and 27 October. Heavy traffic of Soviet troops was noticed on Highway No 5 toward Ludwigslust between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 26 October. The vehicles observed between 1 and 2 p.m. on that day included: about 40 trucks towing artillery pieces of from 120-mm to 150-mm and mortars of from 80-mm to 100-mm.

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trucks [redacted] 10 to 15 [redacted] with covered trailers; and 25 sidecar motorcycles. (8)

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7. On 24 October, four six-wheel armored personnel carriers and about 16 trucks, loaded with boxes and billeting equipment, were seen entering the Panzer Kaserne, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67).

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Eight tanks, driving in elements of two and at intervals of 20 to 30 minutes, started arriving at the Panzer Kaserne at 7 p.m. on 25 October. (9)

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8. On 25 October [redacted] the field exercises at Letzling Heath (N 53/Y 53) had terminated. The following columns were observed:

Date	Composition of Column and Direction of Movement
25 October	Vehicles [redacted] driving from Mahlwinkel toward Tangerhuette.
	Vehicles [redacted] northwest of Ucht-dorf.
26 October	Artillery unit with 16 prime movers towing 16 x 152-mm guns and about 10 trucks [redacted] driving from Mahlpfuhl toward Tangerhuette.
	Convoy of trucks [redacted] driving from Mahlpfuhl toward Tangerhuette.
	Trucks [redacted] driving from the direction of Tangerhuette toward Scherneck.
27 October	14 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] SU 76 SP guns [redacted] and repair shop truck [redacted] driving from Tangerhuette toward Scherneck. (10)

25 October

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Vehicles

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[redacted] northwest of Ucht-dorf.

26 October

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Convoy of trucks

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[redacted] driving from Mahlpfuhl toward Tangerhuette.

Trucks

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[redacted] driving from the direction of Tangerhuette toward Scherneck.

27 October

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SU 76 SP guns

[redacted] and repair shop truck [redacted] driving from Tangerhuette toward Scherneck. (10)

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9. Troops bivouacking in the Templin (N 54/U 81) training area departed southward during the night of 25 October. The loading of trucks carrying billeting equipment and other materiel was started at the railroad stations of Vogelsang, Zehdenick and Hammelspring on 27 October. (6)

10. At 3:30 p.m. on 27 October, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 55 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, followed by five trucks [redacted] were seen moving into the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau (N 53/Z 96). [redacted] they had left Oranienburg on 25 October. (5)

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11. On 27 and 28 October, the troops from the 1st and 2nd [redacted] and the Pioneer Kaserne in Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23) returned to their quarters. About 45 AT guns, 25 to 30 tanks and an undetermined number of vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed with the troops. (11)

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12. At 9:30 a.m. on 27 October, a troop train carrying tanks and trucks, [redacted] was seen at the Doeberitz (N 53/2 65) railroad station. Another train observed there was loaded with artillery pieces of 80-mm to 100-mm and trucks, [redacted] 25X1
- The train observed at the Uchtspringe (N 53/Y 64) railroad station at 11:30 a.m. on 27 October was loaded with artillery pieces of 200-mm to 250-mm and trucks [redacted] From 30 to 40 25X1
track-laying vehicles and about 20 trucks [redacted] stood 25X1
at the Jaevenitz railroad station at 11:45 a.m. on 27 October, ready to be entrained. The track laying vehicles were observed to have been entrained at about 11 p.m. (13)
13. Eight artillery pieces and 20 trucks [redacted] were entrained 25X1
at the Doeberitz railroad station at 9:20 a.m. on 27 October. (12)
14. At 12:30 p.m. on 26 October, six rocket launchers [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] loaded on flatcars, were observed at the Wustermark railroad station. (14) Vehicles observed at Doeberitz on 28 October included 28 trucks, towing 12 artillery pieces, apparently of 76.2-mm, which moved into Olympisches Dorf at 6 p.m.; and 6 vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and 4 rocket launchers [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] which moved into Altes Lager at 7 p.m. 500 troops arrived at the Loewen Kaserne during the night of 26 October. (15)
15. On 27 October, 26 tanks were loaded at the Loewenberg railroad station. About 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed with the tanks. More empty flatcars and boxcars were available for loading. A train observed at the Oranienburg railroad station on 27 October, apparently en route toward Berlin, carried 40 to 45 trucks with 1 artillery piece each and 8 to 10 boxcars with troops. [redacted] troop trains which passed through the Kremen railroad station at a rate of two per day from 18 to 20 October carried a total of about 300 tanks. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] trains, each carrying about 50 tanks from the barracks installations in Altruppin, departed from Altruppin at a rate of one per day from 11 to 13 October, and went toward Herzberg. (16)
16. A troop train seen leaving Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60)-Rethensee toward Magdeburg at 7:20 a.m. on 29 October consisted of 10 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 field kitchen, 18 trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and 11 trucks [redacted] Another troop train, which passed through the Gross Ammensleben railroad station toward Magdeburg at 7:35 a.m. on 29 October, consisted of 5 boxcars with troops, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 13 trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (17)
- (18)
- Comments. 25X1
- (1) [redacted] the barracks installation south of Staats would be occupied by troops on 20 October 1951. [redacted] The trucks mentioned in the present report belong to the 207th Itz Rifle Div. 25X1
- (2) The vehicles observed at the tent camp belonged to the unidentified engineer battalion of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div, the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Necz Army, the 207th Itz Rifle Div, the GCPG and the Third Shock Army. 25X1
- (3) [redacted]

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- (4) The barracks installation at Kuestrin-Kietz still quartered two regiments of the 32d (?) AAA Div.
- (5) The information indicates that recruits from the U.S.S.R. were still being reassigned to units of the Soviet Zone of Germany from the Eichhorn Kaserne. It furthermore confirms the components of the 32d (?) AAA Div in the Artillerie Kaserne. The information on the other barracks installations in Frankfurt/Oder shows that the components of the 7th Gds Mecc Div continued to return from the Lieberose troop training grounds, as begun in mid-October 1951.
- (6) The units loaded between 21 and 27 October 1951 were components of the 25th Tank Div, the 6th Gds Mecc Div, and headquarters units, including engineer units of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army. The loading operations were continued on 27 October by the troops mentioned in paragraph 9. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] bivouacking as early as 20 October. [redacted] The loading operations mentioned in the present report coincide with the occupation of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau, by a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army. The first troops observed returning to the barracks installation were reported on 22 October 1951. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) The train carried a component of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted] the vehicles reported as canvas-covered tanks were probably confused with artillery pieces. 25X1
- (8) The information indicates that troops belonging to the 18th Mecc Div continued to arrive. [redacted] The column mentioned in the present report as driving toward Ludwigslust belonged to components of both the 18th Mecc Div and the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1
- (9) The first units of the 25th Tank Div arrived at the Panzer Kaserne on 23 October 1951. [redacted] 25X1
- (10) The columns and vehicles observed in the area north and south of Tangerhuetten belong to headquarters units of the Third Shock Army and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, the 3d Gds AAA Div, the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig, the 14th (?) Gun Arty Brig, the 18th Mecc Div, the 19th Gds Mecc Div, the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, all of the Third Shock Army; the 25th RL Brig or Regt; the unidentified artillery division from Potsdam; the 1st Mecc Div; and the 7th Gds Tank Div.
- (11) The Flak Kaserne probably quarters components of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig, and the Pioneer Kaserne components of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.
- (12) The trains carried components of both the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecc Div. The train mentioned in paragraph 13 is probably the second train in paragraph 12. The units may have participated in field exercises conducted in the Rathenow area. A motor column of the 25th Tank Div was observed in the area south of Kyritz on 19 and 20 October 1951 in connection with this exercise. [redacted] 25X1
- (13) The two trains carried components of the 6th Arty Div. The heavy guns may belong to elements of the 18th (?) Hvy How Arty Brig, which is believed to be equipped with 203-mm howitzers.
- (14) The train carried an element of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecc Army.
- (15) [redacted] Altes Lager was still vacant on 10 October 1951. The units entering the camp were components of the 1st Mecc Div, which probably returned from field exercises. 25X1
- (16) The trains loaded at Altruppin left eastward. [redacted] loading and unloading of troop trains in Neuruppin and troop trains passing through Neuruppin westwards. [redacted] 25X1
- (17) The first train carried a component of the 3d Gds AAA Div and the second train a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army.
- (18) The identity of the units mentioned in the present report has been established on the basis of vehicle number analysis. The two last sentences in paragraph 6 and paragraphs 6, 12 and 13 indicate that the field exercises in the Letzling Heath-Rathenow area have come to an end. According to available information, these exercises involved components of both the Third Shock Army and the Fourth Gds Mecc Army. It has not been determined whether the troops conducted one large-scale maneuver in the area concerned or, possibly, two separate field exercises, with one in the Rathenow-Stendal area and the other in the Wilmstedt-Tangerhuetten-Burg area.

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